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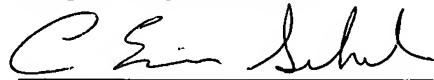
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1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), in duplicate;
2. Modified Form 1449/PTO (1 page), in duplicate;
3. Copies of Cited References: A18-25, C2-4; and
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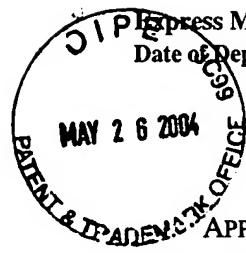
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the attached modified Form PTO-1449.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action based on the merits in the above-identified case. Accordingly, no fee or certification is believed required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims, and sign the enclosed form PTO-1449 to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his/her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information. An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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	A18	5,564,037	10/08/96	Lam	395	488	
	A19	5,764,972	06/09/98	Crouse, et al.	395	601	
	A20	5,778,395	07/07/98	Whiting, et al.	707	204	
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	A22	6,330,572 B1	12/11/01	Sitka	707	205	
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OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Exam Initials	Cite No.	Name of Author, Title (when appropriate), Publication, Volume, Page(s), Date, Etc.
	C2	Garcia-Molina, et al., 35 th IEEE Computer Society International Conference, pgs. 573-577 (1990).
	C3	Lyon, J., 35 th IEEE Computer Society International Conference, pgs. 562-567 (1990).
	C4	Mohan, et al., Proceedings of the 9 th International Conference on Data Engineering, pgs. 511-518 (1993).

A copy of this reference is not provided as it was previously cited by or submitted to the office in a prior application, Serial No. _____, filed _____, and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120 (continuation, continuation-in-part, and divisional applications).

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